

1 SENATE MEMORIAL 102

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10 A MEMORIAL

11 ENCOURAGING STATE, LOCAL AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO  
12 COLLABORATE WITH THE CENTENNIAL TASK FORCE TO CREATE PROJECTS  
13 DESIGNED TO HONOR, PROMOTE, COMMEMORATE AND CELEBRATE THE  
14 HISTORY, TRADITIONS AND FUTURE OF THE STATE WHILE FACILITATING  
15 EDUCATION, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM AND CIVIC PRIDE.

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17 WHEREAS, after being inhabited for nearly three hundred  
18 years, New Mexico joined the United States as a territory in  
19 1850; and

20 WHEREAS, New Mexico strived for the next sixty years to  
21 become a state; and

22 WHEREAS, on January 6, 1912, New Mexico joined the United  
23 States as the forty-seventh state in the union; and

24 WHEREAS, New Mexico has many diverse and rich cultural  
25 traditions that go back more than a thousand years for Native

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1 Americans, more than four hundred years for European Americans,  
2 more than one hundred fifty years for African Americans and  
3 more than one hundred years for Asian Americans; and

4 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a historical heritage unmatched by  
5 any other state in the union; and

6 WHEREAS, trails and roads of national and international  
7 importance have crossed through or ended in New Mexico, such as  
8 El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro, the Santa Fe trail, the  
9 Butterfield overland stage trail, the Goodnight loving trail,  
10 the second transcontinental railroad in the 1880s and route 66,  
11 linking cultures and communities from east to west and north to  
12 south for several hundred years; and

13 WHEREAS, New Mexico has a long and distinctive history of  
14 sending its residents to fight in the nation's conflicts,  
15 including the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I,  
16 World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Gulf War and  
17 the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

18 WHEREAS, New Mexico is a leader in the nation's scientific  
19 endeavors, beginning with Robert Goddard's rocket experiments  
20 in the 1930s and the world's first atomic explosion in 1945,  
21 and continuing with the achievements of the Sandia and Los  
22 Alamos national laboratories; and

23 WHEREAS, New Mexico has been a national pace-setter in  
24 artistic expression since the late nineteenth century; and

25 WHEREAS, Governor Bill Richardson designated a task force

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1 in 2007 to oversee the commemoration of New Mexico's statehood  
2 centennial celebration in 2012;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
4 OF NEW MEXICO that all state, tribal and local government  
5 agencies be encouraged to collaborate with the centennial task  
6 force to create projects designed to honor, promote,  
7 commemorate and celebrate New Mexico's statehood centennial  
8 celebration in 2012, showcasing the diverse history and  
9 traditions of the state while facilitating education, economic  
10 development, tourism opportunities and civic pride; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
12 transmitted to the office of the governor, the administrative  
13 office of the courts, the New Mexico legislative council, the  
14 New Mexico association of counties, the New Mexico municipal  
15 league and the governors and tribal councils of New Mexico's  
16 Indian nations, tribes and pueblos.

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